

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

South Dakota

Number of farms

31,736 farms in 2002, 33,191 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

43,785,079 acres in 2002, 44,141,892 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

1,380 acres in 2002, 1,330 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,834,625,000 in 2002, \$3,664,129,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,575,910,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,258,715,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

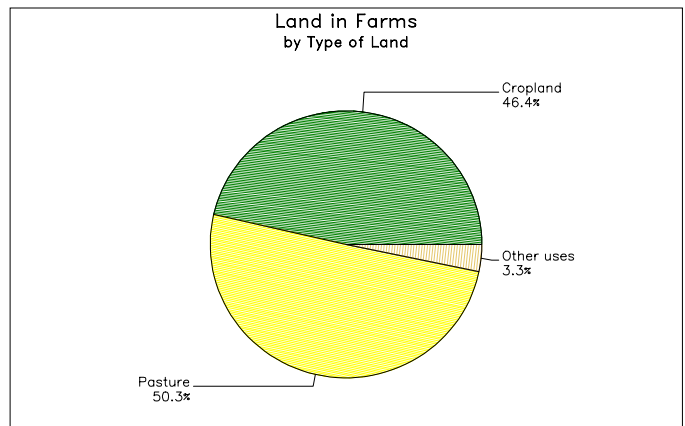
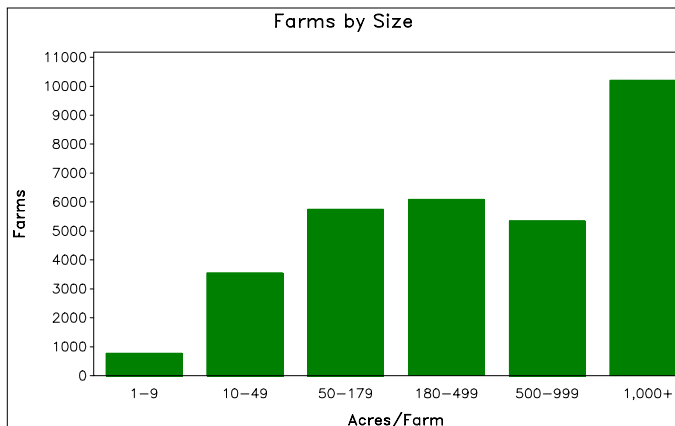
\$120,829 in 2002, \$110,395 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$215,084,000 in 2002, \$183,645,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,617 in 2002, \$7,995 in 1997, up 33 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,834,625	21	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,575,910	22	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,258,715	16	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,406,137	10	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	5,192	47	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	18,350	46	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50
Other crops and hay	145,766	17	50
Poultry and eggs	70,820	34	50
Cattle and calves	1,693,838	7	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	156,498	29	50
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	31,285	4	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	50
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	50
Other animals and other animal products	23,179	8	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Cattle and calves	3,695,877	7	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,226,368	31	50
Turkeys	1,975,394	12	50
Hogs and pigs	1,375,506	11	50
Sheep and lambs	376,468	5	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	4,087,380	8	41
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,659,123	3	50
Corn for grain	3,165,190	6	49
All Wheat for grain	1,596,086	9	48
Corn for silage	644,006	2	49

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	5,765
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1,187
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,412
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,774
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,528
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,002
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2,472
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,366
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,564
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6,117
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2,324
\$500,000 or more	1,225
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,311,884
Average per farm (\$)	104,443
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	902,091
Average per farm (\$)	28,448

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	23,049
Other	8,687
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	29,552
Female	2,184
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	43,728
Black or African American	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	950
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11
Asian	22
More than one race	131
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	330

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.